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Thanks

... to those parents who supported our interschool cross country team this week and to Mr Delemare and Mrs Sinclair for co-ordinating our team.

... to those supporting our senior squash players.

... to those supporting our talent show auditions.

People of the week

... Olivia M ... selected "Player of the Year" in her Marist hockey team. Well done Olivia!

.. Congratulations to Eve F and Hazza B who qualified for Northland Cross Country, to be held at Dargaville 17th September.

.. Congratulations to Olivia B and Ella M, whose team MegaMix placed 1st in the Fantasy Island Cheer and Dance Luau cheerleading competition.

Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

15 September Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi

16 September Talent Quest

25 September Final day of term 3

Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme

A general meeting will be held 3:15 on Wednesday 9 September in the staffroom. All interested parents are warmly invited to attend. We will talk about the respective Cambridge pathways which will ensure all children are benefitted. No matter where a child is on entry to the Lower Secondary Programme, our goal is for every child leaving in year 8 to be at least 6 to 12 months ahead of where they would be academically had they not done this programme.

If you think you will be at this meeting please let Helen know on Monday so that we can prepare material for you.

Talent Showcase

As advised earlier you are cordially invited to our Matarau School Talent Show which gets underway at 7:00 PM Wednesday 16 September in our school hall (children taking part in the show are asked to be here no later than 6:45 please). Parents are asked to bring a gold coin donation please towards council fund-raising.

Thanks to retro hair who are sponsors of this year's talent Show.





Art Scholarship

Early next term we will be calling for expressions of interest in our 2015 Art Scholarships. This is an opportunity to present a portfolio of artwork for judging, with the potential to win a school cup and a small prize. Maybe chat to your children about this and, if you would like the information early, just give Kevin a call next week. We have had some outstanding portfolios in year's past and are keen to see this tradition continue.

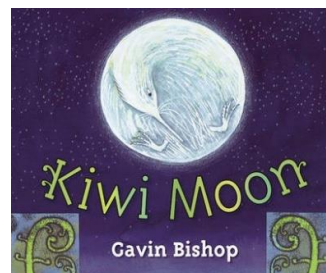
Talent Show

Auditions are under way. Any Questions in the run up to Mrs Walker please.

Save the Date

This term the junior school are working towards their Biannual Junior School Production. The children have been learning songs, dances and parts to perform Gavin Bishop's story of KIWI MOON.

The performance for families will be on **Wednesday 23rd September** at 1:45 pm
If you are able to help with basic costumes, lighting, sound etc. please mail rrobertson@matarau.school.nz



Book Amnesty

Please bring back any junior readers you have at home! We are having difficulty getting enough books for our reading groups, so there must be a lot at home. Please look under beds, on book shelves etc and return any readers to school asap. Your Friendly Junior Teachers

Term Contributions and Activity Fees

If you opted for term contributions please forward any outstanding fees or contributions next week. If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact Kevin. Thank you.

Borrowed School Shirts

If your child has a green polo or a blue and white quick dry shirt, can they please return to school on Monday (freshly washed) as there are very few to loan for the upcoming events. Shirts can be purchased for \$20-\$30. Please contact the office.



Wheelie Shoes

We have had a number of accidents and close calls this week with students that have wheelie shoes. We strongly discourage the use of these at school due to these injuries.

Canteen - Bandana Challenge

We support only a select number of charities each year ... usually those connected with children. From Monday we will be selling bandanas at a minimum price of \$5:00 each (as we do around this time each year) to support teenagers with cancer. These come in a variety of colours and children enjoy adding to their collection. **We have designated Thursday 17 September as Bandana Day with children invited to wear their bandanas at school on this day.** You should not feel under pressure to purchase but this is a very worthwhile cause. Children are welcome to wear bandanas purchased in earlier years on Bandana Day. Watch this space.

Truthfulness

... please keep the discussions going at home. Our goal is to be the most truthful school in the world .. even, as one child said this week, when it gets you into trouble.

Important High School Information Dates

Fri 13 th Nov	WGHS - Orientation Day
Nov	WBHS - Interviews and Enrolments start.

Calf Club Day - Thursday 22nd October 2015

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats. The animal must be born after 1st July 2015. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.

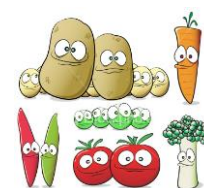


Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.

More information will be sent home closer to the end of the term.

Home Gardens

For those students participating in the Home Garden programme - diaries were issued last week. Gardeners will meet fortnightly on Fridays. If you have some photos to share as you develop a garden please email to sabbott@matarau.school.nz.



We thought it might be helpful to give you the garden judging criteria early. As follows ..

Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Diary	6	Health of Plants	4
Layout (incl thinning, spacing and staking)	4	Varieties of Plants	4
Pest Control	4	Creativity / originality	4
Weed Control	4		30

Prior to the judges visiting gardens, parents will be asked to indicate how much they have supported their child's garden efforts. It is great to be involved with your child, but only to the extent this is necessary please.

Next Year ... those not attending Matarau School

In last week's newsletter we advised we would shortly ask for parents to indicate if their child would NOT be at Matarau School next year. This is so that we can balance class numbers, and respond to out of zone enquiries. We do NOT want anyone to feel under any pressure. You may be waiting for plans to materialise, you might want time to consider options, or you may want to come in and talk to us about options for your child .. whatever your situation, take the time you need.

BUT, if you do know your plans already, please advise Helen on Monday morning or via answerphone on the weekend (please do not send the message via your child or their class teacher). **This is especially important for parents of year 6 children. We have anecdotal information (even before we market) of interest in our Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme from out of zone families and would like to fill all available spaces.**

Finally

A special acknowledgement this week of those children who have been brave enough to audition for the talent show. Even if not chosen to perform on the night we think you are awesome for giving it a go. Well done to you and your parent support teams.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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Lost Property

... if passing might be worth taking a look!

Lost

- ❖ Pink size 10 jersey with fluffy inside and a green jacket (named).
 - ❖ Pair of boys Asics sport shoes, orange and blue coloured, nearly new. Will have Jacob S name in them. Maybe accidentally picked up outside Room 9
 - ❖ Green and black flat cap with a gold money clip and the words "Flat Fity" on the front.
- If you have seen these items, please return to the office.

Community Notices

Whangarei Coral Society – presents Down Memory Lane, St John's Church, Kamo Rd, Saturday 5th September at 2.30pm. Admission by programme: Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Children under 15 yrs free.

Kamo Cricket Club - Junior Registration Day, Saturday 19 September 10am – 12pm at Kamo Rec, Butler Place, Kamo. Come along for registration and some fun games. Online registration is available at www.sportsground.co.nz/kamocricket. Existing and new junior members (girls and boys up to year 8) of all abilities welcome. Professional coaching provided for all grades. Any queries, please contact Lisa Parkes, ph: 027 460 8848, email: davidparkes@xtra.co.nz

Action Zone SPRING Camp is running again during the holidays (27th Sept- 2nd Oct). for 9-13 year olds (up to Yr8) at Marsden Bay Christian Camp located in One Tree Point, Northland. Activities include: motorbikes, buggies, canoes, water slide, flying fox beach activities, sports rounds and much much more. Contact: Trish Ellis, 35 Hilltop Ave, Morningside, Whangarei 0110, Ph: (09) 438 0333, actionzonecamps@gmail.com

All Stars-Kids in Action - OSCAR school holiday programme Mon 28th Sept - Fri 2nd Oct and Mon 5th - Fri 9th October. Raumanga (The Pulse), 8.00am-5.30pm, \$35.00per day, 5-14 years. Activities will include: Movies at the Cinema , Aquatic Centre Fun, World Cup Rippa Rugby Day, Ultimate Frisbee, Medieval Day, Bike riding, scooter and skate boarding, arts & crafts & more. For further information visit our website: www.kidsinaction.co.nz or contact Paul on 021951925.

Kidzones Holiday Programmes - Kidzone holiday programmes are located at Tikipunga, Whau Valley and Kamo Primaries. We are open from 7.45am to 5.30pm daily during the holiday break. Check out what fun activities the team at Kidzones have organised for each day on www.kidzones.co.nz. Enrol online via our website for a fast efficient process. WINZ subsidies are available. Contact Sandra North 021 249 3308 or 43 53342 Sandra@kidzones.co.nz

Educare Holiday Programme – Maunu and Hurupaki Primary School Hall, Monday 28th Sept – Friday 9th Oct, 8.00am – 5.30pm, 5-14 yr olds. WINZ subsidies available. Exciting daily activities. For More info visit www.holidayprogrammes.co.nz or contact Christin 0274821331 or email info@holidayprogrammes.co.nz.

Genius Hour Food Bank Campaign

Danni and Abbie are doing a project with Room 9 and 10 called Genius Hour. We saw that the Salvation Army Food Bank needs food donations and thought we could help by organising each family at Matarau School to donate one grocery item to this worthy cause. Every donation of food helps the food bank give to people who do not have enough food for themselves.

We are hoping to have someone from Salvation Army come to Matarau School and tell us more about their role in the community.

Please consider this opportunity to give to others. Donations can be delivered between Monday 7th – Friday 25th September to Dannielle in Rm 10 or Abbie in Rm 9.

